increased, as otherwise the roads would go from bad to worse. In particular, the early improvement of the following roads was prayed for:—

1. The road from Pathanapuram to Koni and thence to Vadasserikara should be improved as otherwise traffic would be held up next monsoon.

2. The road from Manimala to Rani which was in particularly bad order should be taken up and improved as early as possible.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

100. Peermade District road and roads generally.

Mr. R. L. G. Goldsmith (Member, Central Travancore Planters' Association) said that the Church Hill Section of the Cardamom Hill road which connected the Cheenthalaar–Kallar road with the Kottayam–Kumili road should be treated as a public road and that the grant allowed for its maintenance should be increased. He pointed out that the area of cultivated lands using the road had since 1913 increased by about 50% and the improvement of the road would result in further development of lands beyond Cheenthalaar and also increased revenues to Government. He also stated that his Association would willingly co-operate with Government in the matter to the greatest possible extent and also advance from their funds any increased grant to the above road as well as to the Glenmary road.

Dewan's reply.—The representation will be considered.

III. PROTECTION.

(1) Legislation (*Concluded*).

101. Criticisms on the report of the Jenmi-Kudiyan Committee.

Mr. Narayanaru Krishnaru (Member, Jenmi, Trivandrum Division) said that as a result of repeated representations made at the various sessions of the Assembly regarding the difficulties experienced in the collection of *michavarom* and other dues from the Kudiyans, Government sanctioned the appointment of a Committee to enquire into and report on the working of the Jenmi Kudiyan Regulation, V of 1071. The report submitted by the Committee contained damaging statements on matters beyond the scope of the work entrusted to them and detrimental to the interests of the Jenmies. The Jenmi Members had repeatedly represented their disapprobation of those statements. He therefore requested that Government might delete the portions objected to.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

VI. PUBLIC HEALTH.

(1) Town Improvement Committees.

102. Water supply for the town of Nagercoil.

Mr. V. S. Ramaswami (Member, T. I. C., Nagercoil) said that the supply of good water for drinking purposes to the town of Nagercoil was a long-felt want and that, as a result of the repeated representations made to Government on the subject, Government ordered the preparation of a scheme for the introduction of pipe water system in the town and sanctioned an estimate for Rs. 16,700 for the work. The Committee then requested that half the cost of the scheme might be borne by the Government, the other half being met out of the town funds. On this, Government ordered that, if the Committee could not bear the whole cost, they should wait till the new Municipal Bill, under which loans could be raised to carry out such works, became law. The scarcity of pure drinking water in the town, especially in the hot weather, was often the cause of the outbreak of epidemics. The town contained a population of about 40,000 and had become damp and insanitary owing to the percolation of water from the channels running through the town, and the mortality from cholera &c., was increasing year after year. In view of the above circumstances, the Member requested that Government should be pleased to help the Committee by contributing half the estimated cost of the scheme.

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